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HAGEMEYER et al  
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For: CATALYSTS...AND THEIR USE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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a1 --This application is a 371 of PCT/EP00/02455 filed March  
21, 2000.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

a2 Claim 1 (amended) A catalyst comprising palladium, at least  
one alkali metal compound and, optionally, at least one promoter on  
a porous support, obtained by loading the porous support, which  
comprises a reducible metal oxide of elements of groups IIIb, IVb,  
Vb, VIb of the Periodic Table of the Elements or ZnO or comprises